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Duncan Announces Funding for Expansion of Successful Pilot Program for Mixed Paper Recycling

Based on the outstanding success of a mixed paper recycling pilot program that provided 68-gallon wheeled carts to homeowners in the test area, Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan today announced that as part of his FY '03 Operating Budget funding will be provided to expand this service to an additional 15,000 homes in the county.

According to the County's Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS), there was, on average, a 51 percent increase in mixed paper collections in the test area. The amount of mixed paper collected per week in households using the wheeled carts increased from an average of 14 pounds to 22 pounds.

Standing at curbside by a home on Harness Trail in the pilot area, Duncan explained that in the FY '03 Operating Budget, to be presented on March 14, he will re-direct \$656,000 in marketing funds to buy 15,000 wheeled recycling carts for single-family homes in the county. "The results of this

pilot were hard to ignore, and I felt it was important that we invest in and build upon a proven success," Duncan said. "Nothing breeds success like success," Duncan added, "and since residents have responded positively to the wheeled carts, why not make more of them available? This significant expansion in service will help the environment and help us reach our countywide 50 percent recycling goal."

The carts will be distributed to homes in an area south and southwest of Rockville (Recycling Collection Area #9). They are to be used for mixed paper only, including newspapers and inserts, corrugated cardboard, phone books, magazines, cereal and other boxes, catalogs, unwanted mail and other clean, dry paper. The \$656,000 earmarked in the budget would cover distribution and maintenance of the carts. With the wheeled carts, residents no longer need to place mixed paper for recycling into paper bags or small cardboard boxes, nor flatten boxes and

tie them together into bundles. All of these items can just be placed into the cart.

Speaking on the efficiency of recycling afforded by the carts, Duncan said, "Not only can you recycle more with this cart, but you can do it more easily. That's a win-win combination."

Under the pilot program begun in September 2001, blue wheeled recycling carts were provided to 750 single-family homes in a portion of Potomac bounded by Tuckerman Lane on the north, Bells Mill Road on the south, Falls Road to the west and Gainsborough Road to the east.

The Executive's full recommended FY '03 Operating Budget will be presented publicly and submitted to the County Council on March 14. The Council must approve a final budget no later than June 1.

For more information about the wheeled cart program, call the Division of Solid Waste Services at 240-777-6410.

-Courtesy of the Public Information Office

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Can Shopping Save the World?

To most people, the only thing "green" about shopping is the money you hand the cashier. And yet, depending on how you shop, you can actually help the environment. Why is this so? A lot of it has to do with the way things are packaged.

Modern packaging is certainly a marvel of technology. Our food is safer and our products are more convenient than ever before. But, where the packaging goes when we're done with it – either reuse, recycling, or disposal, makes a big difference. And whether the packaging is made from recycled materials or not can have a big impact on the environment.

By shopping wisely, you can reduce the amount of waste that has to be disposed. So

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News Brief



Recycling at Adrian's Safe Haven Homeless Shelter:

The SORRT (Smart Organizations Reduce and Recycle Tons) program routinely provides on-site presentations to help improve recycling awareness in the county. In March, Adrian's Safe Haven Homeless Shelter hosted a SORRT presentation for its residents. The demonstration consisted of explaining which items could be placed in recycling containers and which items had to go in the trash. This knowledge, once shared, often has powerful behavior-changing effects.

As an outreach program, the SORRT team delivers both the 'what' and 'how' of recycling in a personal way. Having been exposed to the basics of recycling, the residents are now able to properly participate in Adrian's Safe Haven's recycling program. We expect that the shelter's recycling program will only continue to grow as a result of this presentation. Through such education, the shelter provides those who come through its doors more than just a place to stay.

-Sara Zavala and Mike Mussman



Closed Vessel Food Waste Composting:

A recent trip to the James River Correctional Center in Powhattan, Virginia (outside Richmond), provided Montgomery County officials with information about their successful closed vessel food waste composting program. Cooked food, with all of its meat, dairy, and grease is not suitable for outdoor, uncovered composting like homeowners do here in our county. However, many institutions from prisons to colleges and universities have undertaken this progressive attempt at composting cooked leftovers. The Powhattan facility can compost up to 1,000 pounds of waste a day.



Rockville City Recycling Announcement:

The City of Rockville has declared that recycling is mandatory for city residents. Of course, it is already mandatory for all county residents. However, in a progressive step, Rockville has linked approval of building permits to development of a recycling plan.

Way to go, Rockville!



Leafgro Sales Sites Online:

Beginning on June 17, 2002, the MRF (Recycling Center) will be closed for approximately 10 weeks. New equipment will be installed in the sorting machine, and the exhibit hall will be totally revamped with new displays. Montgomery County's commingled recyclables will be diverted to a facility in Alexandria. There will be no change in collection services or the need to recycle as much as one possibly can.



Quote:

"Simplicity, simplicity, simplicity! I say, let your affairs be as two or three, and not a hundred or a thousand; instead of a million, count half a dozen and keep your accounts on a thumbnail."

-Henry David Thoreau

Mission Statement

The Montgomery County Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program, a part of the Department of Public Works and Transportation, Division of Solid Waste Services, encourages environmental stewardship through its public outreach on waste prevention, reuse and recycling. Volunteers provide County residents with practical solutions to their waste-related concerns. In educating themselves and others, MR/C volunteers stimulate thoughtful and effective action toward sound environmental practices which protect our shared environment and help the County achieve its goal of 50% recycling.

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A Note to You



This is my third attempt at writing something profound and meaningful for my last "A Note to You" column. Alas, my pen has run dry. Writing is sometimes, but not always, easy. Being politically correct, noncontroversial, and inspirational, while using good grammar and proper sentence structure, can be quite taxing at times. Most readers have had only good things to say about this newsletter. Only one person ever complained that I made my own opinions sound like county policy. Oh, well. The power of journalism overwhelmed me!

But this newsletter is not mine, or about me, it is yours and about you. I could have detailed more reuse ideas for toilet paper rolls (just recycle them for goodness sake!). I could have gushed sentimental favorites like, "Volunteers are like Frosted Flakes" But I would not ever do that to anyone! Still, it is my sincere and honest opinion that Master Recycler/Composter volunteers are some of the finest citizens in our county, and it has been my pleasure to meet them and work with them. Our work (and I will join you again as a "civilian" volunteer) is certainly not over. Management changes will not alter our mission. I suspect that this will be a good change for the program, and I know it will be a fresh voice for this newsletter.

For the last 2 years I have had a dream job as manager of the Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program. In that time I have met some outstanding individuals, including citizens, county employees, and especially volunteers. To all my recycling and composting friends, I say, "Thanks for everything. I will miss you all." Before you receive this newsletter at home, I will have moved on to another job in Solid Waste and will work with recycling in other ways. So, no more of my rantings and ravings. I've learned a lot and tried to share it in these pages. But there's so much more that I want to know, and it's time to look for answers in a different direction. The hardest thing about leaving this program is that the volunteers are not coming with me. (Who will do all the work?) But perhaps at some fairs, festivals, or collection events, we'll meet again. That would really be nice.

The Lines that Separate Us Must Also Connect Us

When we were young, we were all encouraged to observe lines. There were lines to stand and wait in, lines of behavior to remain in. There were lines to color within and lines to connect from dot to dot.

In adult life, we found lines affected us in other ways. They became borders. Each individual has many lines of community. Your house is in a neighborhood. Your community needs your support if and when it fights any reasonable cause for the welfare of its citizens. Some people live within municipality lines, but for many of us, our next set of lines is the county border. Good old Montgomery County! Is there another county in the Washington metropolitan area as progressive and forward thinking as we are here?

Beyond the county borders we find Maryland, squeezed as we are between the wily Potomac and the Mason-Dixon Line! Outside our own states, we become Americans, although some folks may see themselves as Americans first and foremost. Hawaii and Alaska may not be contiguous states, but as Americans we have the right to see them preserved and protected for all Americans. Do people feel a unity with Canada and Mexico? I think they should, for

the sake of Canadians, Mexicans, and Americans. Our interests in the environment should not stop at political borders. We are all parts of a North American ecosystem, which begins in our own neighborhoods.

In Montgomery County, we cannot control what our neighboring counties do. The same holds true for northern Virginia counties, as if the line that is the Potomac truly separates us. We can only hope that our nearby counties follow our honorable example. Recycling, composting, environmental protection, etc., are not the same outside this county as they are within. Many rural counties still have space for landfills. Montgomery County does not. Yet our waste-to-energy plant, the Resource Recovery Facility, is a state-of-the-art enterprise, which meets or exceeds federal requirements for its emissions. From Frederick County, through New England, and on into eastern Canada, we are not a contributor to pollution problems stemming from waste disposal. Our outreach efforts continue to succeed in increasing our recycling rates. And, to our credit, Montgomery county handles only our own waste and no other jurisdiction's (although there are plenty of counties who export their trash hundreds of miles away for

disposal). Montgomery County is very responsible, and will not take any out of county trash or recycling, added revenue, or not.

This is not some newly found post 9/11 patriotism, but the real expression of how proud I am to live in Montgomery County. Our allegiances must begin in our smallest communities. Collectively, as Americans, we must all work together to promote brotherhood and tolerance because, after all, we all share one environment. What a wonderful rallying point is that little stream down the road. There are no cans and bottles in it because we've recycled them all. There is no motor oil in it because we took it to household hazardous waste collection. There are fish and frogs and clean water for them to live in because we know that good health starts with a clean environment. Still, we must never lose track of the realization that just as our waters connect, small to large, so do our communities. We need to keep our own backyard clean and hope our neighbors follow our example, no matter how close they live to us or far away they live from us across the lines that separate us.

-Jim Welch

Shopping

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read on, and see just how easy it is to do your part in saving our environment.

Shop Wisely and Slim Down Your Waste.

With just a little extra effort, you can make shopping choices that significantly reduce the amount of waste our community disposes. One of the best ways to do this is to cut down on the amount of packaging you purchase. Believe it or not, packaging makes up about 40% of all solid waste. It also accounts for 50% of all paper produced in the U.S., 90% of all glass and 11% of all aluminum. In fact, for every \$11 you spend on groceries, one dollar of that pays for packaging.

Ways that you can reduce the amount of packaging you throw out include:

- Buying in bulk or large sizes – individual-sized products contain far more packaging (and cost a lot more!)
- Using concentrates to eliminate the large packages
- Buying fresh rather than pre-packaged foods
- Using refillable containers for bulk food items like peanut butter
- Investing in resealable, reusable containers for leftovers
- Choosing products in packaging that can be recycled or reused

Recycling – What Goes Around, Comes Around

Another excellent way to keep waste out of our landfills or incinerators is to recycle. Recycling helps the environment in a number of ways. For one thing, it saves the natural resources that would go into producing new packaging materials. It also saves energy – it usually takes less energy to make recycled products. Making products from recycled materials generally creates less air and water pollution, as well.

But recycling your empty containers is only part of the solution. To truly “close the loop,” you have to buy products made from recycled materials! When you shop, look for products with the recycling symbol. It signifies that the product or packaging contains recycled content. It’s most desirable to purchase products with post-consumer content. This means that recy-

clable material, used by consumers, was collected, processed and remanufactured to make the new product.

Hazardous Waste. Is it Coming From Your House?

Surprisingly, many common household products contain chemicals that should not be disposed of with your regular trash. When you throw these products out, you could be harming the environment. To minimize the amount of hazardous waste coming from your home, try to avoid products labeled *danger*, *caution*, or *warning*. Bring hazardous materials to the County’s conveniently located collection sites for disposal free of charge. Call 301 - 840-2852.

It’s Your World – Don’t Let it Go to Waste.

By now, you should see how easy it is to make a difference – to our community and to our environment. So do your part. Together, we can make this a better world for everyone.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us at 301 - 840-2852.

A World Wise Guide to Shopping.

Reject

- Do without altogether. Be resourceful. Rent or borrow items used infrequently.

Reuse

- Substitute reusable items for disposables whenever possible.

Reduce

- Buy only what you need and use it up.

Buy Recycled

- Buy products with recycled content.

Recycle

- Choose products packaged in materials that can be recycled in Montgomery County’s curbside recycling program.



Letter to All Our Volunteers

Dear Volunteers:

We have been asked to provide displays and do computer recycling at the MarketPro Computer Show and Sale on Saturday, May 25th and Sunday, the 26th. In my opinion, it is certainly worth our while to do so. For the two day event in March we collected over two and a half tons of computers! Also, the advertising that the MarketPro folks do for us and their generous donation of space for our recycling display helps get the message (that Montgomery County recycles computers) through to hundreds, if not thousands of area residents.



If you can help, we can sure use it, both outside where we load computers onto a truck to take to the Transfer Station for recycling, and inside at the information table. Hours for the event and volunteer participation are from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on both days. This is a fun event where you can work for an hour, or two, or a few, and then shop for computer bargains at the show. Ours is the only location in MarketPro’s east coast schedule that provides this added dimension to computer sales, that is, that the old and obsolete units can be used again, or recycled for the precious metals, dangerous metals, and other recyclable elements. within. Let’s keep this program going, and remember, it can not continue without the help of volunteers.

Thanks for volunteering,

Jim Welch
Program Manager
Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program

The Bay Starts Here

[Editor's note: This article is reprinted from a previous edition of this newsletter, but because of current drought conditions, we thought that it was worth repeating.]

We've all seen the storm drains spray painted with the message "Chesapeake Bay Drainage." Living as we do, miles from the Potomac and even more miles from the bay it is easy to forget that all our streams and rivers in Montgomery County flow to the bay. In rest rooms in the Executive Office Building in Rockville stickers above the sinks read "The Bay starts here." Does what you do on your own property possibly effect the bay? You bet it does.

Have you seen the Potomac River lately? Reduced water flow due to reduced rainfall increases stress on the living system that is our source of drinking water. Just as important, it is the home of animals and plants that must, but can never really, compete with the human population for that water. Gov. Glendening has demanded that portions of mid-Maryland restrict their use of water. He has asked areas like Montgomery County to voluntarily restrict their use of water.

We have been experiencing a drought this past winter and spring. It is likely that we will have a drought this summer. We must all use water like the limited resource it is. Listed below are some water saving suggestions which can be practiced and made into habit whether we suffer from a drought or not.

- Turn off the shower when soaping and/or shampooing. Turn it on only to wet and rinse.
- Turn off the tap when brushing teeth and/or shaving.
- Reuse rinse water from the kitchen sink to water plants. A little dish soap won't harm a thing.
- Don't turn the faucet on full blast when only a trickle will do.
- Do only full loads of laundry in the clothes washer and full loads of dishes in the dishwasher.
- Wash your car on the lawn instead of the driveway. The lawn can use the water, the driveway cannot. If you use a car wash, find one that recycles their water and patron-

ize them as a reward for their progressive-ness.

- Mulch to conserve moisture around trees, shrubs and plants. Use aged mulch that will hold water in the ground and not fresh mulch that will draw water out of the ground.
- When you water outside, drench the soil well occasionally, rather than sprinkling lightly frequently.
- Use a soaker hose in the garden to get the water down to the plant roots instead of on the leaves where it may simply evaporate.
- Avoid using sprinklers which are water wasters.
- Purchase water saving appliances when replacing your old ones.
- Plant perennials and native plants which need less water and survive drought better than annuals.
- Never use the toilet for a trashcan.
- Catch the water from a dehumidifier for reuse rather than letting it go down a drain.

Water is essential to life. We need to keep our aquifers, springs, streams, rivers, bays, seas and oceans clean and full. Save water as if it is the most important thing on earth - because it probably is.

Compost Bins For Sale

Compost bins are available at the following government centers: the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Service Center at 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, 301-986-4325; the Upcounty Regional Services Center at 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown, 240-777-8000; Eastern Montgomery Services Center at 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, 240-777-8400; and the Midcounty Services Center at 2424 Reddie Drive, Wheaton, 240-777-8100. They are also available in Rockville at the Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe Street, Sixth Floor, 240-777-6400, and the offices of the MR/CVP at the Solid Waste Transfer Station at 16101 Frederick Road, Derwood, 301-840-2852. The price is five dollars a bin. Please call first for office times and to confirm bin availability.

THANK YOU

The Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program appreciates the many hours of help it receives. March and April activities included these events:

The first Household Hazardous Waste collection of 2002 received assistance from **Janice Browne, Bob Mabie, Joe Connor, Kyle Layne, Denice Etheridge, Shatawn Etheridge, and Jamaal Williams.**

Our computer collection at the MarketPro Show and Sale received assistance from **Carol and Jeff Housman, Carol and Zack Russ, Anne and Karen McKay, and Hubbard Hoyt.**

Janine Farhat, Galen Manzano and Steve Albright helped at the HHW collection in Silver Spring.

In April we received help from **Caroline and Sarah Levenson, Brandon Hose, Ricardo Gomez, Ben Smith, and Andres Zavala** at the HHW collection at the Transfer Station.

At Takoma Park Arbor Day we received help from **Steve Libbey, Jennifer Garst, and Steve Albright** - all of whom dispensed composting information and portrayed Digger (it was warmer in the costume than outside!) Thanks for the pizza Jen!

Our big day in April was the DSWS Earth Day celebration and our volunteers were out in full force. Thanks to **Janine Trudeau** for filling in for me (Jim) when I had to leave early. And thanks to **Jeannie and Michael Kattouf, Tony Cammarota, Esther and Morton Foxe, Caroline and Sarah Levenson, Heidi Johnson, Jerri Lipscomb, Lisa Bente, Kamul and Jay Narang, Faith Lapidus and Laura Weiner, Nancy Burkhart, Richard Ablard, Phil Browne, Ralph Holtz, Jeanne Cooke, and Jeremy Stark.** You all helped make this day the great success it was!

Thanks also go to **Raymond Chang and Leah Cromwell** for helping with the web site.

Thanks to **Kirsten Murray** who has provided us with many fine W/E volunteers to supplement our own.

And a very special thank you to **Diane Reinke** for all the fine editing she has done (and for putting up with my disorganized ways for two years).

Take care volunteers. Best wishes to you all!

Spring Cleaning Tips

Spring is here! Time for spring cleaning has come. When you clean out the house and scrub it from top to bottom, remember these tips:

- Before disposing of latex paint, let it dry up in its can and then place it in the trash.
- Oil-based paints, oil-based stains, paint thinners and solvents, automotive fluids, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, fertilizers, corrosive household cleaners, items containing mercury (including fluorescent bulbs), and special batteries (nonalkaline) should all be taken to a household hazardous waste collection for proper disposal.
- Many objects of furniture can be donated to charitable causes.
- Others left at the curb with a sign saying "FREE" often disappear quickly.
- Yard and garage sales are excellent reuse opportunities. One man's trash can be another man's treasure.
- Clothing brought to the textile recycling drop-off at the Shady Grove Transfer Station is sometimes shipped overseas. Scrap cloth is reduced to fiber for new cloth items.
- Many tough cleaning jobs can be done with nontoxic vinegar, lemon juice, baking soda, borax, hot water, and elbow grease.
- Don't ever mix your own cleaner with commercially available products. Read the labels for correct usage and disposal of them.
- Wear rubber gloves and, when necessary, goggles as protection when using most commercial cleaners. Remember, your fingertips absorb chemicals and your eyes can be damaged from chemicals accidentally splashed into them.
- Cut your lawn tall and leave the trimmings where they land to feed the lawn. Weed seeds do not germinate well in tall grass.
- Compost everything you can from your yard, but put your vegetable scraps from the kitchen in a worm bin for composting.
- Ask your neighbors for their leaves and grass to compost. When their bags are placed at curbside, they then belong to the county. So don't swipe them.
- Pesticides and herbicides work well, but at what cost to the environment? Try natural alternatives. Tobacco juice is a very good natural pesticide. Better yet are ladybug beetles, lacewings, and other predatory insects. Boiling water kills weeds without adding poisons to the food chain.
- And remember what Kermit the Frog said: "It isn't easy being green." But contributing to the health and safety of all living things on this planet is always worth the effort.



Used Clothing

The information below is excerpted from a 3/31/02 article by George Packer in the New York Times magazine:



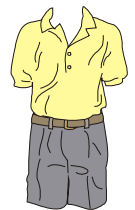
This article discusses how donated clothes that thrift stores can't sell themselves (because they are stained, torn, out of style, etc.) are often sold by the thrift stores to textile recyclers and shipped to Africa. The article traces one t-shirt donated in New York City in the fall of 2001, which eventually ended up in Uganda, where it was purchased by a 71-year-old man for the equivalent of \$1.20.

The article includes these tidbits of information:

- Americans bought \$165 billion worth of clothes last year.

- Of the 2.5 billion pounds of clothes that Americans donate each year, some sources estimate that as much as 80 percent eventually goes to textile recyclers, who often ship some of it to Africa, where it is resold. Goodwill Industries, which handles more than a billion pounds a year of used clothing in North America, estimates that it sends 50 percent of its donations to textile recyclers. A textile recycler might pay a thrift store 3 cents a pound, for example, for its reject clothing.

- In 2001, used clothing was one of America's major exports to Africa, with \$61.7 million in sales. Africa is the leading overseas market for used clothing. Latin America and Asia have formidable trade barriers. A few African countries - Nigeria, Eritrea, South Africa - ban used clothing in order to protect their own domestic textile industries, which creates a thriving and quite open black market.



Recycling References

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION

16101 Frederick Rd., Derwood 301-840-2370
(Route 355 & Shady Grove Rd.)

PUBLIC UNLOADING FACILITY

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.;
Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Truck Hours, Monday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(Use Shady Grove Road Truck Entrance if you are dropping off materials in a truck.)

Accepts mixed glass bottles and jars, cans, and all plastic bottles with necks, all paper, all cardboards, antifreeze, auto batteries, waste oil (5gallon limit per trip), tires (maximum of 4 per trip), and yard trim.

DON'T DUMP, DONATE!

At Public Unloading Facility

Accepts unused or used building materials in usable condition, such as: lumber, cinderblocks, wood, lighting fixtures, flooring, plumbing fixtures, cabinets, toilets, tubs, doors - everything, including the kitchen sink.

CLOTHING & TEXTILE RECYCLING

At Public Unloading Facility

Accepts clothes, drapes, shoes, towels, sheets, belts, handbags, and pieces of cloth larger than 15" x 15" in area. Clothing & textiles must be clean, dry and in plastic bags.

SCRAP METAL/LARGE APPLIANCES RECYCLING

At Public Unloading Facility

Accepts refrigerators, freezers, hot water heaters, window air conditioning units, dehumidifiers, stoves, washers, dryers and all types of scrap metal.

COMPUTERS

At Public Unloading Facility

Accepts monitors, P/C's, key boards, printers and most other computer equipment.

FREE MULCH

At Public Unloading Facility

Entrance off Route 355

Mulch produced from ground up brush is available at no charge. Load all you want yourself.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

All sites operate from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 5, 2002	Shady Grove Transfer Station
Saturday, May 18, 2002	Briggs Chaney, Park & Ride Lot
Sunday, June 2, 2002	Shady Grove Transfer Station
Saturday, June 22, 2002	Westland Middle School in Bethesda

Accepts herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, fertilizers, paint thinners and solvents, pool chemicals, fuels, waste oil, photographic chemicals, oil-based paints, button and rechargeable batteries, fluorescent bulbs (limit of 12 bulbs), mercury and items containing mercury.

FURNITURE

The Housing Opportunities Commission will pick up any reusable furniture item in good condition, such as tables, chairs, sofas, beds, mattresses, and box springs. To arrange for pick up, please call 301-495-0983.

SPECIAL DROP-OFFS

ROCKVILLE AREA

Montgomery Scrap Corporation 301-424-3000
15000 Southlawn Lane

Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to noon.
Buys back aluminum cans, scrap metal, other metals, and accepts appliances, including refrigerators with freon removed.

Georgetown Paper Stock of Rockville 301-762-6990

14818 Southlawn Lane

Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Buys back aluminum cans in 10 lb. loads, white office paper and computer paper in 100 lb. loads (no newspaper) and accepts corrugated cardboard, mixed paper, paperboard and glass.

SILVER SPRING AREA

Southeast Recycling Corp. 301-589-4002

9001 Brookville Road

Accepts newspapers, magazines and catalogs, telephone books, corrugated cardboard and paperboard boxes.

GAITHERSBURG AREA

The City of Gaithersburg provides mixed paper and corrugated cardboard recycling for its residents. Call the Public Works Department at 301-258-6370 for more information.

Office Paper Systems 301-948-6301

7650 Airpark Road

Drop-off bin available 24 hours.

Accepts all types of paper ("anything that tears").

WHITE OAK AREA

White Oak Boy Scout Troop 1086 301-622-1273

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 11612 New Hampshire Avenue

Fourth Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Accepts newspaper.*

COLLEGE PARK AREA

University of Maryland Recycling Center 301-314-8345

Lot 4A on Paint Branch Drive (near the intersection of Metzger Rd. and University Blvd.) Open 24 hours a day.

Accepts white, colored, office and computer paper, corrugated and glossy cardboard, magazines, glass, aluminum cans, newspaper, clothing, telephone books, scrap metal, textbooks, aluminum foil, catalogs, and steel cans.

DAMASCUS AREA

St. Paul's Catholic Church 301-253-2027

9240 Damascus Road, Open 24 hours

Accepts newspaper in bin behind church.

POOLESVILLE AREA

Highway Services Depot, Jerusalem Road 240-777-7623

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Accepts used motor oil and freeze (up to 5 gallons of each).



Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program
16101 Frederick Road
Derwood, Maryland 20855

MONTGOMERY
COUNTY
RECYCLES



Return Service Requested

Calendar of Events

For more information about any of these opportunities, please contact the MR/C Volunteer Program at 301-840-2852, or e-mail us at volunteers@mcrecycles.org - Visit www.mcrecycles.org/volunteer for the most current calendar.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

This activity is approved for Student Service Learning. Collection volunteers direct traffic and hand out literature. Two shifts: 9:30 a.m. to Noon and 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Each site operates from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. See dates on page 7. This is a wonderful group activity. Please help us spread the word.

FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

May 2nd and 9th "Behind the Scenes" six week training program ends for prospective Master Recycler/Composter volunteers 7:00-9:00 p.m.

May 18th	Colesville Strawberry Festival at New Hampshire Avenue & Hobbs Drive 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
May 19th	Taste of Wheaton 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
May 25th	"Behind the Scenes" visit to Dickerson RRF and composting facility 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
May 25th and 26th	MarketPro Computer Show at the Gaithersburg Fairgrounds 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

June 9th	International Festival (formerly Ethnic Festival) in Silver Spring 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
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